

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1549 – SB 1835

February 6, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the federal government from imposing educational standards on the state. Any adoption of educational standards by the State Board of Education (SBE) shall be done freely by the SBE. States that the SBE may change, adjust, or recede from a standard at any time with certain restrictions. Requires any proposed change or addition to an education standard to be posted for public view on the SBE website 60 days before the SBE meeting where the proposed change will be discussed. Requires proposed changes to be voted upon at public meetings where there is a quorum. Prohibits educational standards from being adopted by the SBE after July 1, 2014, until the Education Committees of the General Assembly have conducted hearings. Requires data collected from the use of or testing under the educational standards adopted by the SBE to be used solely to track the academic progress of students. Prohibits certain personally identifiable information from being collected, tracked, housed with, reported to, or shared with the federal government. Prohibits student data from being collected in order to develop commercial products or services or for political use.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The number of changes to educational standards by the SBE will not be increased.
- Any change in state education standards by the SBE will be done in the normal course of board meetings.
- Hearings conducted by the General Assembly on proposed changes will be done in the normal course of legislative hearings.
- Any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in local government expenditures for training or materials as a result of changing educational standards is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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